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Members of the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Aircraft **Maintenance Squadron** and Maintenance **Operations Squadron** prepare a C-130 for movement to its proper position Tuesday. The aircraft, one of many Air Park static displays, was blown out of position by Hurricane Ivan's ferocious winds. The feat took two days and approximately 100 hours to accomplish.



Post Ivan recovery ops continue

By Vanessa Adame Public Affairs

Nearly one month after the natural disaster raged through the gulf coast, there are still signs of the mess that Hurricane Ivan left in its wake strewn about Hurlburt Field.

A few boats still sit in the unique places where they came to rest after raging waters pushed them onto the lawn of the Soundside club and where another pushed through the Soundside Manor housing division – just feet from the section's entrance. Blue tarps continue to cover the roofs of dozens of homes across Hurlburt Field military housing, and the historical Air Park seems a little roomier without two of the aircraft that were severely damaged in the hurricane.

Despite the hurricane remnants that linger across base, major strides have been made in recovery efforts following the category 3 hurricane. With the help of the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron and other squadron members, many of the damaged facilities are on their way to recovery.

"We're still [safeguarding] and clearing trees that pose hazards to people," said Maj. Mark Russo, 16th CES. "Power outage issues continue to plague us, and we'll most likely experience them for several months -even up to one year from now - due to salt spray and wind damage to the base infrastructure," he said.

Every facility on base sustained a degree of damage as a result of heavy winds and salt spray associated with the hurricane, Major Russo said. Initial damage assessment across Hurlburt Field was estimated at more than 40 million dollars. Buildings such as the old fuel cell, Eason Hangar and the mini mall, along with 14 other base facilities sustained 'catastrophic' roof damage, according to Major Russo.

Nearly 12 million dollars was spent within the last

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Manpower, personnel functions merge

By Vanessa Adame Public Affairs

Manpower, personnel, and education and training functions are no longer separate entities across the Air Force. Many installations have already started the realignment process under a new initiative that aims to combine the departments under mission support squadrons throughout the Air Force. Hurlburt Field recently completed the realignment last week.

The Manpower/Personnel Merger Program Action Directive required the Special Operations Manpower office to consolidate from a wing staff agency to a flight within the 16th Mission Support Squadron, making the 16th MSS now responsible for manpower and personnel actions. Here at Hurlburt Field, the merger became official Oct. 1. Other Air Force installations have until July 31, 2005 to make the move.

"We're embracing the change," said Capt. Brian Oakes, who joined the MSS under the new directive. "It opens up command opportunities and a broader insight to the Human Resources arena."

The union will provide "cradle to grave" processes in Human Resource functions. As a result of the realignment, the newly expanded 16th MSS will identify availabilities within base squadrons, fill positions, lend assistance to base personnel along their careers and see them through separations and retirements.

The public shouldn't notice a change as a result of the move. Physical locations will also remain the same.

Ceremony, barbecue

A post-Hurricane Ivan barbecue/recognition ceremony is planned at noon today at the Community Park. Transportation will be provided from the BX parking lot for those on the east side of base. All others are encouraged to walk. Both events are open to all of Team Hurlburt.

Flaming hot week



Sparky helped kick off Fire Prevention Week while waving in traffic at Hurlburt Field gates.

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Rolling in the season



Roller hockey season is on its way. Base league members practiced their moves to prepare.

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Weather forecast

Friday - Partly Cloudy, High 84 Low 64

Saturday - Afternoon showers, High 82 Low 66

Sunday - Thunderstorms, High 80 Low 68

www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/weather/5day

Viewpoints

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the others by letter or phone

Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible.

This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



It's official

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing Commander, declares this week Fire Prevention

Commander lauds hurricane recovery efforts

16th Special Operations Wing Commander

As we look back over the last few weeks of post-Hurricane Ivan recovery efforts, everyone should be proud of the remarkable progress made to bring the base back to mission ready status. From the beginning, it's been an entire base effort to prepare; evacuate; return and recover the base. Despite the associated challenges, everyone pulled together and carried out all associated tasks with enthusiasm and excellence. Each of you has my sincere appreciation for

Unfortunately, while the base emerged from the storm with relatively minimal damage, we're reminded of those less fortunate that sustained losses to homes and property. Hurricane Ivan is also blamed for the deaths of several Team Eglin members and it's been reported many others throughout the local communities lost their lives as a result of the storm. I mention this example to underscore the very real threat Ivan, and hurricanes in general. The mission will always come first, but everyone's safety remains one of our foremost priorities. Considering the severe nature of Hurricane Ivan and its forecast path, it was determined remaining in the local area would have placed everyone at risk.

With this in mind, and as you already know, I directed the mandatory evacuation of all Hurlburt Field assigned military members, civilian employees

and their dependents on Sept 13.

An order to evacuate a base due to natural or other disasters is an action not taken lightly by any commander. Doing so not only places extreme inconveniences and hardship upon personnel and their family members, but also carries a substantial financial obligation on behalf of the base to reimburse members for associated travel expenses. Expenses incurred were over \$12 million to relocate all personnel out of harms way with respect to Hurlburt Field's recent evacuation due to Hurricane Ivan. Taking all of these factors into consideration, great care was exercised before giving the order to evacuate.

While the base did sustain widespread damage, things could have been much worse. Throughout this traumatic ordeal, we've been fortunate to report there were no Hurlburt Field injuries or deaths as a result of the storm. However, had the hurricane's center been less than 15 more miles to the east, the outcome for the base could have been catastrophic. Despite the challenges associated with such an enormous movement, you all did a great job securing personal property, as well as ensuring yards and work areas were free of debris prior to your evacuation. I'm also pleased to report everyone traveling to and from designated safe haven areas arrived home without incident. This speaks very well of the high caliber of people that make up our Air Commando family.

Now that we're all home, it's important not to let our guard down. After all, the official hurricane season for the Atlantic Basin runs through 30 November. While we can't control the forces of nature, our vulnerability can be reduced through preparedness. If you haven't done so already, ensure you refresh your disaster preparedness kit. You can avoid the risk of not being able to get these supplies, if severe weather threatens our area again, by accomplishing your resupply actions now.

In the meantime, the effects of Hurricane Ivan will continue to be felt by all of Team Hurlburt for months. Despite the board-based challenges associated with the storm, the base continues to make great strides in our recovery efforts.

Your teamwork and commitment to excellence underscores what makes our community of superior special operations aviation and support forces a premier team of teams. Thanks again for your exceptional efforts. Keep up the great work!



Photo by Capt. Tom Knowles

Patience is a virtue

The comptroller squadron asks for everyone's patience as they process more than 12,000 Hurricane Ivan-related travel vouchers received over the last few weeks. Personnel from Moody Air Force Base, Eglin, and several AMC bases are augmenting finance personnel to help process more than 1,000 vouchers daily. All related vouchers are set to be processed by Oct. 15. Those who still need to file a voucher must do so at the finance customer service counter in Building 90210. Questions should be directed to Maj. Nancy Whitfill at 884-6419.

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secutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Oct. 6.

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Medical group expands pediatric capability, transfers patients to receive specialty care

Courtesy of the 16th Medical Group

The 16th Medical Group recently expanded their pediatric clinic capability and subsequently will transfer all flight medicine pediatric patients, up to the age of 16, to the pediatric clinic. According to Col. Doug Ammon, 16th Medical Group Deputy Commander, this policy change has a twofold benefit.

"This change meets the great demand for additional pediatric health care by a staff fully devoted to the care of newborns, children and adolescents, Colonel Ammon said.

"In addition, it permits greater access to care in Flight Medicine, which has been over-enrolled for several years and continues to experience increased demands related to the Wing mission."

As of Oct. 18, pediatric patients currently assigned to flight medicine will be automatically reassigned to the new Primary Care Manager and board certified clinical nurse practitioner, Donna Reed. Affected families preferring to have their children enrolled to the family practice clinic instead of the pediatric clinic should contact the 16th Medical Group TRICARE office.

Aerial Delivery provides training, mission success

By 2nd Lt. Marnee Carlson 919th SOW Public Affairs

DUKE FIELD, Fla. – All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, Zodiac rubber-raiding craft, and large barrels strapped to wooden pallets are some of the items one will find lined up in neat rows in Building 3025 here.

The equipment isn't for real world use, but is used for training MC-130P Combat Shadow and MC-130E Combat Talon I aircrew members on the fine art of aerial delivery.

For the past 10 years, Staff Sgt. Ryan Ellis, an active-duty aerial delivery craftsman who is assigned to the 16th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, and works with the 919th Logistics Readiness Squadron here, has been packing parachutes and rigging all types of cargo for air drop.

"We provide unilateral training and support to the 711th and 8th Special Operations Squadrons as well as the Consolidated Training Flight and the Weapons Instructor Course," said Sergeant Ellis. "We rig loads that simulate jeeps, massive amounts of water, food, ammunition, or weapons. We try to make the loads as realistic as possible to give the loadmasters and other aircrew members the opportunity to see how the aircraft systems are going to work. We assist in training them for what they do during wartime."

The Aerial Delivery section has 25 Reservists and two active-duty members who work together to ensure pallets are rigged properly for aerial delivery training. However, they'll never rig pallets for aerial delivery during wartime, Sergeant Ellis said.

"If we deploy during a war, Air Force riggers return to the normal Air Transportation duties of a 2T2X1, such as passenger service, cargo processing, air terminal operations center or joint inspection duties," said Sergeant Ellis. "The Army does all war-time rigging."

Despite this, Sergeant Ellis and his fellow section members get plenty of practice rigging pallets. Aerial Delivery airdrops approximately 72 loads per month.

"Along with uploading the aircraft, training and keeping our vehicles maintained, you can tell that on an average week, there's little free time left," said Sergeant Ellis.

It's a meticulous and timely process to pack a parachute and rig a load, said Master Sergeant Ralph Ellis, a traditional Reservist and aerial delivery craftsman.

"There's a lot more to this job than just dropping boxes out of the sky," he said.

The largest parachute Aerial Delivery packs is the 64-foot diameter G-12, and the heaviest load they've built weighs almost two tons, said Sergeant Ryan Ellis.

"The time it takes to pack the chutes and prepare the loads depends on several factors – the experience level of the rigger, as well as the type and condition of the load," he

Photo by Airman 1st Class Erik Hofmeyer

Master Sgt. Ralph Ellis (left) ties lashing while Staff Sgt. Ryan Ellis tests the release mechanism on a heavy load for an evening airdrop mission. Both sergeants work at the 919th Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial delivery section. Sergeant Ralph Ellis is one of 25 reservists assigned to the section. Sergeant Ryan Ellis is one of two active-duty members there.

said. "Airdrop load preparation time can range anywhere from three hours to two days."

Working in Aerial Delivery is challenging, said Sergeant Ralph Ellis.

"As a traditional Reservist in this career field, it's difficult to keep up with the procedures to prepare different loads in the short amount of time we have to train," he said.

Despite the challenges, Sergeants Ralph Ellis and Ryan Ellis said they find the job gratifying.

"It's rewarding when you get recognized for your experience," said Sergeant Ryan Ellis.

He said the Aerial Delivery section received the ultimate compliment when the Air Force Research Laboratory Munitions Directorate at Eglin Air Force Base sought their expertise in preparing the 21,000-pound Massive Ordinance Air Blast bomb for delivery during the March 11, 2003, test on the Eglin Reservation.

"We packed the 28-foot extraction parachutes and rigged the 120-foot deployment line that pulled the MOAB out of the MC-130E Combat Talon I," he said.

For Sergeant Ralph Ellis, there's nothing more satisfying than a job well done.

"There's nothing like being at a drop zone and seeing a rigged load come down right," he said.

Spotlight on...

Senior Airman Anna Vitalis

Duty Title: Aircraft Structural Maintenance Journeyman

Organization: 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y. Hobbies: Taking college classes and playing volleyball Contribution to the mis-

Contribution to the mission: Airman Vitalis has been recognized by the 16th EMS commander as a superior performer.

She volunteered to work weekend duty to help repair a severely damaged C-130 cargo ramp within a 24-hour period. She also demonstrated superb leadership as she supervised the repair of three badly cracked AC-130U engine aft nacelles. The repair was made in 10 hours, saving the 16th Special Operations Wing \$75,000 in depot carcass charges. When Airman Vitalis is not at work, she leads the 16th EMS as unit advisory council president, organizing squadron fund-raisers and morale-boosting activities.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

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Shop maintains odds, ends of aircraft supplies

By by 2nd Lt. Marnee Carlson 919th SOW Public Affairs

DUKE FIELD, Fla. – From the dualrail systems that lock 3,000 to 5,000 pound pallets in place on the inside of the aircraft, to the rollers that allow cargo a swift and easy exit, the eight members of the Dash-21 shop stay busy behind the scenes maintaining all the odds and ends of the MC-130E Combat Talon I.

The main job of the three 919th Maintenance Squadron air Reserve technicians, two 919th MXS traditional Reservists, and three 716th MXS active-duty members is to repair the dual-rail systems and the rollers that are attached to the floor of the MC-130E, said Master Sgt. Gary Young, Dash-21 NCO in charge.

Shop members also stay busy maintaining, inspecting and keeping an inventory of MC-130E Combat Talon I spare equipment such as canary slides,

aircraft armor and web seats. Canary slides are ramps that hook onto the back of the aircraft and allow vehicles, such as humvees, easy access into the aircraft.

Aircraft armor resides on the inside panels of the aircraft and provides protection to aircrew members. Troop seats and seatbelts can be installed into the back of the aircraft to allow Special Operators or other passengers a more comfortable ride.

Basically, the shop maintains all the spare equipment of the MC-130E, Sergeant Young said.

In all, the shop inventories and maintains more than 126 items totaling more than 5,500 pieces of equipment.

"Members of our team take a great deal of pride in what we do for the mission," said Sergeant Young. "If we don't meet our job requirements, it can have a serious impact on the mission." Photo by 2nd Lt. Marnee Carlson

Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Del Pozo (left) and Staff Sgt. Robert McQuade, Dash-21 aircraft mechanics, replace a right-hand lock on a dual-rail system. The shop maintains odds and ends of the MC-130E Combat Talon I.

Civilian employees: Plan for retirement in advance

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – As the number of retirement eligible Air Force civilian employees is expected to double by 2009, officials are encouraging them to begin retirement planning early.

Potential retirees are encouraged to obtain an estimate of retirement pay via the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team Web-based Employee Benefits Information System or automated phone system. Information on benefits and planning is also available.

"Employees should contact BEST at least one year before retirement to receive one-on-one counseling over the phone," said Janet Thomas, a human resources specialist with the Air Force Personnel Center. "Individual employee information is available to BEST benefits counselors who are able to cover issues from health insurance to options for withdrawal of Thrift Savings Plan accounts." Those ready to retire should submit their retirement applications to BEST 90 to 120 days prior to the effective date of retirement, according to Ms. Thomas.

During the process, the potential retirees receive three letters to keep them updated on the status of their application. The first letter acknowledges receipt of the application and the second notifies the employee of his or her eligibility to retire. The third letter is notification that the retirement application has been sent to the servicing payroll office.

The final stop for the retirement application is the Office of Personnel Management, where the retirement is finalized and retirement payments are started. Civilian appropriated-fund employees serviced by BEST can obtain additional information on retirement at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/retiring.htm. For more information, BEST benefits counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (800) 616-3775.

Families of high school seniors stay in place

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Sixty-three Air Force families with a child entering their senior year of high school this year will get to stay additional time at their current duty stations thanks to a recently implemented policy.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

Even with the changes, officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments. "Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis," said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "There's a balance between mission needs and helping our families, but our goal is to approve as many requests as possible. We'll work with people as we always have. "

To be eligible, the student must be a dependent of, and living with, the Airman requesting the deferment; he or she must also be enrolled in the Defense Department's dependent enrollment system, according to Colonel Hesterman.

Officers may apply before they receive an assignment, and enlisted members may apply only after receiv-

ing an assignment, according to Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures and programs at AFPC.

Application requests that cannot be supported initially by the assignment NCO or officer will be reviewed and validated by the respective AFPC assignment division chief for that Airman's career field to ensure this is the right call for the member and the Air Force. Officials estimate that annually 20-25 percent of officers and senior non-commissioned officers have children entering their senior year of high school and, perhaps, one third of those could be eligible for assignment in a given year.

For more information call the local military personnel flight.

Airmen may not have to 'use or lose' leave balance

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Active-duty Airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they supported contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Members unable to use leave due to their support of contingency operations may be eligible for special leave accrual. Those affected can retain up to 120 days of leave until the end of fiscal year 2005, according to personnel officials.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Senior Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent of customer support operations at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"In order for the program to work as planned, , those affected need to take not only the leave they're carrying over now, but also the leave they'll earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year," he said.

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact their local military personnel flight, customer service element, for additional information.



16th Services Squadron announces extended holiday hours

Friday (Down Day) Saturday Sunday Monday (Holiday) 6:30 a.m. - dusk Gator Lakes Golf Course 6:30 a.m. - dusk 6:30 a.m. - dusk 6:30 a.m. - dusk Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Ctr. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. 9 a.m. - midnight noon - 10 p.m. CLOSED Spare Time Grill 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. **CLOSED** 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. noon - 9 p.m. J.R. Rocker's Sports Cafe 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. CLOSED Sunday brunch Soundside Club CLOSED 8 a.m. - close Open for functions only Officer's Hooch 3 p.m. - close CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED Enlisted Hooch 3 p.m. - close **CLOSED** Child Development Center 6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED Teen Center 5:30 - 11 p.m. 5:30 - 11 p.m. Youth Center Open Rec. 5:30 - 9 p.m. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED 6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CLOSED **CLOSED** School Age Program CLOSED ITT Ticket Sales 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED** ITT Leisure Travel Sales Frame Skills 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED Wood Skills 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 9 a.m - 4:30 p.m. **CLOSED CLOSED** Auto Skills 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED Multi-Crafts Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Outdoor Rec/Marina 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pool 1 - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. noon - 6 p.m. **CLOSED** Dive Club 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED Reservation only Paintball Fields 8 - 11 a.m./2 - 6 p.m. **CLOSED CLOSED** Aderholt Fitness Center CLOSED 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED Commando Fitness Center 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. **CLOSED** Riptide Fitness 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CLOSED noon - 5 p.m. Reef Dining Facility is open every day for breakfast from 6 - 8:30 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and dinner from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Velocity Subs, the Community Center and the Riptide and Oasis Cafe Dining Facilities will be closed Friday through Sunday.

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week of fiscal year 2004, which ended Oct. 1, for repairs associated with Hurricane Ivan. The majority of the money was spent in contracting outside agencies to help secure and clean up across base.

For example, \$500,000 was funded to replace 24 air conditioning systems on base. And still, at least another 30 million dollars is expected for repair work during fiscal year 2005, according to Major Russo.

Tarps are a common sight throughout military housing, covering the roofs of many homes. Although they're only temporary measures, \$700,000 has been designated for permanent repairs. A damage assessment recently completed on 680 military housing units estimates approximately \$900,000 in roof and siding damages.

"Since the damages vary from minimal to severe, we focus on the worst damages first," said Major Russo.

"That will make it a lot safer. Wing leadership also emphasized getting the housing areas back to normal as one of the highest priorities, so that kids can play in their yards again. It's very important for quality of life," he said.

Hundreds of Airmen who live in base dormitories were affected by the hurricane as well. And already, nearly half a million dollars has been set aside to repair dormitories whose interiors were damaged by water that blasted through windows and doors. Commercial grade dehumidifiers are still being used there and anywhere else where water still exists; the next step is to kill the mold that's crept into the dorms.

The family support center's family assistance center, an emergency response program activated to help families during a crisis, has helped approximately 4,660 people since it opened one week after the hurricane hit. Some of those people sought help from the assistance center for filing their travel vouchers, but many also received help from the different organizations set up at the assistance center.

Although the base and its members may continue to experience the effects left by the hurricane for a few more months, they're glad at least step one of the recovery process is over.

Recovery facts

- ■More than 750 trees were cleared from military housing units, about 200 of those rested on homes
- ■8,200 cubic yards of tree debris has been mulched, enough to fill about 600 2,000 sq. ft. homes
- ■About 12 people were assisted daily at the family assistance center
- ■Total tree debris cleanup has reached \$250,000 to date, with a projected total of about \$850,000
- ■An estimated 300 cubic yards of debris, equivalent to 150 tons, was removed from Soundside Manor housing units

Improving mpg puts money back in wallets

By Jennifer Cooper

16th Civil Engineer Squadron

While we can't do anything about the price of gas, we can make our vehicles use the gas we do buy more efficiently.

Do you know what kind of gas mileage your vehicle is getting? Calculating this is simple. Start by filling up your tank. Write down the odometer reading or reset your trip gauge to zero. The next time you get gas, fill the tank again. Divide the miles you traveled between fill ups by the amount of gas you bought on the second fill. This is your miles per gallon calculation.

Try the following tips while driving to increase your miles per gallon:

- ■Drive gently. Reduce your breaking and quick acceleration. Also, driving at slower speeds saves gas, which is all the more reason to do so.
- ■Lighten up. Cars carrying extra weight use more gas.
 - ■Combine errands into one trip.
 - ■Car pool.
- ■Minimize air conditioning use. When possible, close the windows and use the vents to bring in outside air.

Also, make sure your car is in good repair:

■Start by checking the vehicle's tire pressures. It takes more effort for the engine to propel an underinflated tire than a properly inflated one, which consumes more gas. Beware of over inflation, which can lead to handling problems and uneven

wear on the tires.

■Change the air filter.

This is an inexpensive part to buy, and depending on the car, installation can be even be performed by a beginner. Check the owner's manual for recommendations. Change this more often if you live in a particularly dusty area, or travel on dirt or gravel roads.

- ■Make sure the spark plugs are firing properly. Replace them if they are due.
 - Make sure the engine timing is appropriate.
- ■Inspect the exhaust system and muffler. There should be no holes (Chances are if you have an exhaust problem, you will hear about it.)

So, until these gas prices go down, stick with the cheap stuff.

Upcoming summit shapes new sexual-assault policies

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Decisions made at a senior-leader summit are expected to have a sweeping effect on the Defense Department's sexual-assault prevention and response efforts.

The summit, made up of senior military, civilian leaders and outside experts on sexual assault, will provide a clear definition of what constitutes sexual assault, Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain said.

This will help clear up disagreements and misunderstandings about what behaviors constitute sexual assault — an important starting point in educating the force and preventing sexual assaults.

"Our primary challenge in preventing sexual assault is educating everyone as to what sexual assault is," said General McClain, commander of DOD's new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

And, if the mantra for real estate is "location, location, location," then in sexual-assault preven-

tion, it is "education, education," General McClain said.

"It's imperative that everyone from the unit commander to the most junior member of an organization understand they have a role in preventing sexual assaults, in responding to sexual assaults and in supporting the victim's recovery," she said. Summit participants also will address the challenge of protecting victims' privacy while allowing commanders to maintain good order and discipline and hold offenders accountable, General McClain said.

Specifically, the group will consider how to maintain a victim's confidentiality in reporting what General McClain called "one of the most under-reported crimes." It will also look at ways to make the military's response to sexual-assault cases more transparent to victims and the general public, within the bounds of the Privacy Act.

It also will focus on ways to standardize DOD policies and programs dealing with sexual assault and will examine unique challenges involving deployed troops.

These challenges include close-living environments, operational and environmental stresses, and the lack of some support resources available at home stations, General McClain said.

The upcoming summit follows a weeklong internal working conference in which more than 150 participants studied issues laid out by the Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assaults. That task force was formed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in mid-February in response to reports of alleged sexual assaults in Kuwait and Iraq. It called for a senior summit to develop a plan for DOD-wide policies and programs to address the problem.

Among that task force's recommendations was that DOD officials establish a single office to develop standardized DOD-wide policies regarding sexual assault and to help the services and combatant commanders put them in place.

The new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is expected to be fully "stood up" by late October. (AFPN)

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Political activity rules basically same for active-duty, reserve

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON —

Citizen Airmen serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve follow the same rules governing political activity as their activeduty compatriots.

Questions about what Airmen can or can't do abound in this presidential election year, and some situations have become national news. The rules on political activity are largely the same for all Airmen in uniform, but one area differs.

Although active-duty Airmen are prohibited from holding public office, reservists and guardsmen can, said Philip Donohoe, Air Force Reserve Command director of general law.

"But fulfilling the duties of these offices must stop once a reservist or guardsman puts on the uniform and reports for duty," Mr. Donohoe said.

Air Force reservists and guardsmen who are serving on active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code for more than 30 days must comply with the active-duty rules contained in Air Force Instruction 51-902, "Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force." Reservists and guardsmen who are on active duty less than 30 days follow the more general guidelines set out in Paragraph 8 of AFI 51-902.

All reservists and guardsmen must refrain from par-

ticipating in any political activity while in uniform and from using government facilities for political activities. Guardsmen who perform duties in Title 32 USC status should be aware of any special restrictions on political activities imposed by their respective state authorities.

While active-duty Airmen may not campaign for, or hold, elective civil office, reservists and guardsmen are not so constrained. As long as they are not serving on extended active duty defined to be active duty under a call or order for more than 270 days - reservists may campaign for, and hold, partisan or nonpartisan civil office. It must be held in a private capacity and must not interfere with the performance of military duties.

When reservists and guardsmen campaign for elective office, they must be careful to avoid using their military status as a political selling point. For example, a reservist campaigning for office should not use political flyers that show the reservist in his or her military uniform.

Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty," gives guidance to all military branches and is the source for AFI 51-902. Political activities of civilian federal government employees fall under the guidance of the Hatch Act, and the Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5500.7-R, Chapter 6, "Political Activities."

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DOD expands vaccination programs

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WASHINGTON (AFPN)

 Department of Defense is expanding its anthrax and smallpox immunization programs following an evaluation conducted by the Military Health System. Air Force officials released service-specific guidance recently.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, announced that the anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs would include selected units within U.S. Pacific Command, people in U.S. Central Command and other selected groups.

"The decision to protect additional personnel with these vaccines reflects our concern for their health and safety, as well as the continuity of essential operations," Dr. Winkenwerder said.

"When we began these vaccination programs, we stated that we would periodically review them, evaluating the threats to our forces and vaccine availability," he said.

"We recently completed such an evaluation and

determined that the threat continues. In light of our successful implementation of these programs and the increased quantities of vaccine, we will include additional forces in the vaccination programs."

Before the anthrax vaccination program slowdown in 2000 and 2001, caused by an unexpected shortage of anthrax vaccine, servicemembers assigned to certain areas in the U.S. Pacific Command were included in the program. The resumption of the program in 2002, however, focused on the U.S. Central Command.

The expansion of the program announced by Dr. Winkenwerder resumes the anthrax vaccination program and begins the smallpox vaccination program in selected U.S. Pacific Command areas. It also expands the anthrax vaccination program within the U.S. Central Command.

Vaccination offers a necessary extra layer of protection — besides antibiotics and other measures — for servicemembers, emergency-essential civilians and con-

tractors who carry out mission-essential services, DOD officials said.

The program update will continue to include people assigned in or deployed to designated higher-threat areas for 15 or more consecutive days. Officials will offer the vaccinations to family members in the geographic areas on a voluntary basis. They will also pursue vaccination, subject to appropriate people and contractor procedures, of emergency-essential civilian employees and comparable contractors in the specific geographic areas.

Currently, only people deemed to be at higher risk in specified units and/or geographic areas will receive the vaccines. Officials did not rule out vaccination of the total force at a future date.

Air Force immunizations under the policy update will begin as soon as units schedule vaccinations. For more information, visit the Commanders' C-CBRNE Resource secure Web site at https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xos/xosf/xosfc/CCBRNE_resource/index.shtml.

Experts look for H-Bomb lost forty years ago

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A team of experts is looking into whether a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel may have located a hydrogen bomb missing off the coast of Georgia since 1958

Air Force officials said there has never been a danger of a nuclear explosion from the weapon because the bomb has no arming capsule.

The 20-person team came from the Air Force, Navy, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, national laboratories and Department of Energy. The team took water and soil samples at the site where retired Lt. Col. Derek Duke believes the bomb may have landed.

The Air Force lost the bomb following a midair collision between a B-47 Stratojet and an F-86 Sabre. The bomber was severely damaged, and the pilot was worried that if he tried to land with the bomb aboard, the 400 pounds of conventional explosives aboard might detonate.

He requested permission to jettison the bomb. Controllers gave the pilot permission, and he dropped the weapon in Wassaw Sound near Tybee Island.

The sound is shallow, and the 7,500-pound weapon may have burrowed as much as 15 feet into the mud. After 10 weeks of searching, Air Force officials listed the bomb as "irretrievable."

For the last five years, Colonel Duke has been searching the sound for the weapon. He detected unusual radiation readings in an area and notified authorities. On Sept. 29, the interagency team went to Savannah, Ga., and met with Colonel Duke and his team.

Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Frank Smolinsky said the talks were constructive and that Colonel Duke's team shared all the information — and the way it had gathered the information — with the interagency team.

On Sept. 30, the team took four boats out to the area where Colonel Duke believes the weapon may lie and took water and soil samples. The samples will go to national laboratories for testing. Colonel Smolinsky said he could not say when testing will end, "but it will be several weeks at a minimum."

If tests determine the bomb may be in the area, then Air Force officials, in consultation with local, state and federal officials, will decide what to do next. There is no danger of a nuclear detonation, but the conventional explosives that are a part of the bomb may be unstable, officials said. (AFPN)

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Feature



Photos by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Fire Prevention Week rolls in.

Sparky the fire dog (counterclockwise from the top) rides in style as the Fire **Prevention Week** parade rolls into base housing on Sunday; kids get excited about getting some candy and a fireman's hat; Sparky waves traffic into Hurlburt Field's main gate Monday morning; and a girl enjoys the parade as it passes by her home in base housing. Fire **Prevention Week is** Oct. 3 through 9. Story by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

Fire Prevention Week kicked off in style on Saturday when a parade of emergency response vehicles, largely made up of fire trucks, rumbled through Hurlburt Field's base housing with lights flashing and sirens blasting.

This year's theme is "Test Your Smoke Alarms." Alarms can save lives only if properly used and checked on a regular basis. Some smoke alarm and fire safety tips include:

- Test every smoke alarm in your home at least once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions
- Schedule battery replacement on a day you'll remember and make it an annual routine
 - Replace any smoke alarm that's 10 years old or older
- Clean your smoke alarms regularly, following the manufacturer's instructions
 - Hold home fire drills at least twice a year
 - Have two escape routes planned for your home
- Choose a meeting place outside where everyone can go To learn more, visit the displays at the base exchange, commissary, shopette and mini-mall this afternoon.



Road closure

Independence Road will be temporarily closed from Loop Road to the Loop/Brims intersection Saturday, while the road is milled in preparation for a new turn lane and traffic signal.

Only emergency vehicles will be allowed through the construction site during this time. Independence Road will reopen the same day to traffic once milling and clean up is completed. Drivers should use caution when driving on the milled surface. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated during this phase of construction. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

Terry Avenue closure

A 100-foot portion of Terry Avenue, located near the southern end of the gravel parking area south of 90210, will be closed through Monday. The closure will provide contractors an opportunity to install a large concrete drainage pipe and headwall structure beneath the road. For more information, call Joe Lowry at 884-4487/496-0747.

Air Commando reunion

The Air Commando Association reunion is planned today through Sunday. This event celebrates the association's 60th anniversary. A memorial service dedicated to all Commandos is set for noon Sunday at the Air Park. For a complete schedule of reunion events, visit www.aircommando.net or call Pete Bowman at 581-0099.

Retirement ceremony

Chief Master Sgt. Ted Rivera will retire, after 29 years of service, in a ceremony Friday, 2 p.m. at the Air Park. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Shavnore at 884-5462.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will be closed Friday in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The Eglin Air Force Base emergency room will be open.

AFA awards banquet

Hurlburt Field Chapter 398 of the Air Force Association will hold an awards banquet Oct. 14 at the Soundside club to honor individuals who helped the chapter become the Best Large Chapter in AFA for 2004.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., and dinner follows at p.m. All base personnel are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call Bob Leonik at 803-6750 or e-mail leonik@mindspring.com to register.

Western Wash. ANG

The following openings are available with the Western Washington Air National Guard: 1C4X1, 2E1X1, 2E1X3, 2E2X1, 2E6X2, 2G0X1, 2S0X1, 2TXXX, 3A0X1, 3C0X1, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E5X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1 and 3S0X1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tabatha Bennett at DSN: 370-3368 or Comm: (253) 512-3368.

Comptroller closure

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will be closed Friday for an official function. For emergencies, call 803-3324. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Kavanagh at 884-4054 or Twanna Connors at 884-6419.

Hurlburt Happenings

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month continues through Oct. 15. Meetings are held Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. The following is the current heritage month calendar of events:

Friday: Dance lessons – 5 to 7 p.m. at the 823rd REDHORSE Squadron auditorium

Oct. 13: Prayer breakfast – 11 a.m. to noon at the base chapel; food tasting following.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Order of the Sword

Air Force Special Operations Command enlisted Airmen will induct Gen. Paul Hester, former AFSOC commander, into the Order of the Sword Nov. 5 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The general will be recognized for his contributions to the enlisted men and women of AFSOC. Tickets are on sale now. Inquire about them through your first sergeant.

Mullet festival

The 28th Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival will be held Oct. 15 - 17 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 85 North and College Boulevard. Cost is \$5 for adults, children age 12 and under are free. The festival will feature a variety of booths, games and live band performances. For more information, visit www.cityofniceville.org.

Red Cross services open

The American Red Cross service centers are open to help victims of Hurricane Ivan with disaster-related needs in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. The centers are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and located at East Brent Baptist Church in Escambia County and Gulf Breeze Methodist Church in Santa Rosa County. For more information, call (866) 438-4636.

ERAU registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's winter term will be held through Oct. 15 in Building 90220 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon Fridays. Add/drop dates are Oct. 18-22. Class dates are Oct. 18 through Dec. 18. For more information, call 581-2106.

OU degrees

The University of Oklahoma at Hurlburt Field is offering master's degrees in international relations, human relations and economics. Courses can be taken on location or via distance learning. Completion time is between 12 and 18 months. For more information, call 581-3000 or e-mail aphurlburt@ou.edu.

Car show

The Commando Cruise-In 2004 bike, car and truck show will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Soundside grounds across the base main gate. The event is open to the public and includes food and beverage booths and several vendors. Over \$800 in door prizes will be given away. Registration is from 8 to 11 a.m.

An award ceremony starts at 4 p.m. with first, second, and third place trophies for each class, plus cash awards totaling \$750. For more information, call Chuck Lowrey at 884-2189 or e-mail

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Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request *Youth*: 5 p.m. Sunday Religious Education: September- May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship) 11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship) Religious Education: August - May Youth and Singles groups available *Jewish Services* (882-2111) Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 884-7795

the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday - (PG-13) Alien versus Predator, starring Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan - An ancient pyramid is discovered buried in the ice of Antarctica, and scientists investigating the structure discover something worse: two races of aliens battling for domination. As the two species fight, humans find themselves caught in the middle and becoming

Saturday – (R) **Open Water**, starring Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis - Based on true events, Susan and Daniel, have just been abandoned by their scuba-diving boat in the Caribbean. As the tension escalates between the troubled twosome, a current sweeps them far from where the boat left

Sunday – (PG-13) Without a Paddle, starring Seth Green and Matthew Lillard - Three lifelong friends from Philadelphia go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. As the trio is canoeing down the Columbia River, the river turns dangerous. They soon find themselves being hunted by two backwoods farmers, and encounter tree-hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man.

Eglin 882-1066
Friday – (R) Exorcist: The Beginning, starring Stellan Skarsgard and James D'Arcy – Father Merrin thinks he has glimpsed into the face of evil. In the wake of all hea has sen, his failth in his fellow man and the Almighty have deserted him. Father Merrin travels far from his native Holland in a desperate attempt to escape the horrors he has witnessed there. While drifting, he finds himself in the place where evil

Saturday - (PG) Superbabies: Baby Geniuses, starring Jon Voigt and Scott Baio - The baby geniuses find themselves at the center of a scheme and in a race against time, to stop the villainous powerful media mogul Bill Biscane from using his state-of-the-art satellite system to control the minds of the world's population.

Sunday – (R) **Suspect Zero**, starring Aaron Eckhart and Ben Kingsley - Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Thomas Mackelway investigates the murder of a traveling salesman Harold Speck that turns out to be the first of three seemingly random killings. The assignment consumes him. His past mistakes haunt him. His head throbs as he tries to find the link between the victims that will lead him to their

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

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charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil. In case of inclement weather, rain date is Monday.

Family and Teen Talent Contest

Auditions for the 2004 Family & Teen Talent Contest are planned at the base theater October 18 and 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. Contestants can enter in one of 15 categories: parent and child team; husband and wife team; children (ages 3-5); children (ages 6-8); pre-teen solo (ages 9-12); pre-teen group (ages 9-12); teen solo (ages 13-15); teen group (ages 13-15); teen solo (ages 16-18); teen group (ages 16-18); and family (minimum of three immediate family members).

Videotapes or DVDs of base winners will be submitted to an Air Force-level contest. For more information, contact Chuck Lowrey at 884-2189 or charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil for more information.

Tops in Blue auditions

Auditions for Tops in Blue 2005 will be held October 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the base theater. This talent search includes performance and behind the scenes specialties.

Performance categories include vocalists, dancers, comedians, magicians, instrumentalists and dramatists. Categories for behind the scenes are technicians, drivers, stage/light and sound technicians, wardrobe coordinators, operations staff, choreographers and vocal assistants.

This elite group performs for military personnel and their families throughout the world in a nine-

month tour. Videotapes of Hurlburt Field winners will be submitted for an Air Force-level contest at a later date. For more information, contact Chuck Lowrey at 884-2189 or e-mail charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil for or an application. Applications are also available online at https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/TIB_LTD/JoinTIB.htm.

Classes

HAWC classes

To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for more information, call 884-4292. All classes are free and held in Building 90232.

Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Improvement Program Follow Up – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program Follow Up – Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Diabetic Nutrition – Wednesday, 9 a.m. Diabetic Fitness – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Lean and Healthy Eating – Wednesday, 1 p.m. Fitness 101 – Thursday, 9 a.m.

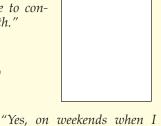
Eating Heart Healthy – Thursday, 10 a.m. Fitness Assessment Monitor Training – Thursday, 1 p.m.

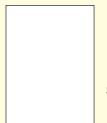
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"Not usually, but I think it's a good idea. I'll strive to conserve energy this month."

Airman 1st Class Joe Quick 16th Communication Squadron





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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Smark 16th Component Maintenance Squadron

"Yes, I shut off the lights when I leave a room, and when I leave home. I also try to keep my place closed up to conserve energy."



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Photos by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan







Josh Grice (counterclockwise from top left), 4-year-old Chanse Davis, Chad Wilson and Matt Gladue work out at a recent practice and scrimmage at the Hurlburt Hawks roller rink. The season kicks off after a draft Friday, 6 p.m. at the roller rink. The rink has added a new scoreboard and hopes to add more players to the pool. Any interested players can contact Jason Davis at 884-7660.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Maj. James Kiehn, Air Force Special Operations, and his son Thomas learn about trapping during the Start Smart soccer program session at the Commando Fitness Center Tuesday.

Parents, children start smart

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

It is never too early to get and children parents involved in organized sport programs. The Start Smart soccer program allows children between the ages of 3 and 5 to learn the baseline skills of soccer without the pressure of a normal organized sport. The program is set up to have the children work with their parents through four stations set up in the gymnasium Commando Fitness Center here.

A coach teaches the parents the basic rules and concepts, and then lets them work with their children, using guidelines listed on posters at each station to

"The kids really enjoy the program and it shows," said Bob Talley, youth center asso-

ciate. "Ninety percent of the participants will enroll in the basketball and baseball programs after going through the soccer program."

The Start Smart program is a subset of the National Alliance for Youth Sports, which is a program dedicated to promoting fun and recreation for kids, educating parents on the sports their children are involved in, and training officials, said Mr. Talley.

"The program not only focuses on teaching children the basics of the sport to grow upon, but it focuses on the parent and child team concept, giving children more confidence as they progress into more challenging aspects of the sport," said Mr. Talley.

The Start Smart soccer program lasts for five weeks. For more information on this or other Start Smart programs, go to www.NAYS.org.

Sports shorts

Doolittle golf tournament

A two-day golf tournament open to all players is scheduled Oct. 14 – 15 at the Eglin Golf Course. The entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, refreshments on the course, door-prize tickets, lunch for both days and a hors d'oeuvres party ending each day. Registration forms are available at local golf courses, or for more information, call Dave Andrews at 651-1314.

Bocce tournament

A bocce tournament will be held Oct. 23 beginning at noon at 625 Lovejoy Road NW in

Fort Walton Beach. Cost is \$440 for a four-man team and \$10 for individuals. Trophies and prizes will be given out and drinks and food will be available. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. William Oravetz at 884-2094.

Chief's golf tournament

The Hurlburt Field Chief's Group will hold a golf tournament Oct. 15 at Gator Lakes Golf Course. Registration is at noon; shotgun start at 1 p.m. The tournament is limited to 30 teams – four-person best ball ruling. Cost is \$35 per player which includes two Mulligans. Prizes will

be awarded to the top three teams, longest drive and the closest to the pin. For more information, call Lefford Fate at 881-3950 or Thomas Hensen at 884-8471.

Commando 5K Run

The Commando 5K Run will be held Oct. 16 beginning at 8 a.m. Check-in times are at 7 and 7:30 a.m. at the Aderholt Fitness Center. The race is open to all ages. All runners must be registered by noon Oct. 15 at the Aderholt Fitness Center or the Commando Fitness Center. For more information, call 884-6884 or 884-4412.